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NKVD AGENT - KRIMINALINSPEKTOR BORCHARDT *et al*

1. Source reports that in all probability Max BORCHARDT, former Kriminalinspektor of Staatspolizeileitstelle, BERLIN, is in the employ of the Russian Secret Service.

2. BORCHARDT has been case officer for the Gestapo for a number of years. He has worked in departments IV E and IV 3. His last assignment was in IV 3 a/Ost. He also served for some time with the Norwegian Headquarters of the Gestapo.

3. BORCHARDT has been captured by the Russians in the Battle of Berlin. Sometime later he reappeared and came to source's attention by visiting families of Abwehr officers, under the guise of old friendship. It was most remarkable that BORCHARDT visited families of officers whom he did not know personally, (i.e. Major BLANK), and made enquiries as to their whereabouts.

4. BORCHARDT's last known address was 25 Splener Strasse, BERLIN, NW 40. Investigation reveals that the building is totally burned out and uninhabited.

SSU COMMENT:

This case fits the pattern of several that have come to our attention. It is unlikely that the Russians would release a man with subject's record, barring the slight possibility that they were unaware of that record. It is more likely, however, that he was released on the condition that he will work for the NKVD. His enquiry as to whereabouts of Abwehr officers is additional circumstantial evidence.

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